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Amendments to the CLAIMS:

Claims 1-43 (cancelled)

44. (original) A method for representing an eXtensible Markup Language (XML) data structure as a fixed set of tables in a relational database (RDB), the method comprising:

(a) inputting the XML data structure;

(b) grouping at least one XML node and possibly any sub-node into a relationship selected from the group consisting of linked list, array of object, and chunk;

(c) generating a fixed sized table for the grouping in (b);

(d) if necessary, repeating (b) and (c) and creating references to any repeated groupings (b) and tables (c), until the XML data structure is completed; and

(e) outputting the resulting fixed sized tables for use in a RDB.